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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.121

In response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2003, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Claim Amendments begins on page 2 of this paper. Drawing Amendments begin on page 6 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the Amendment and consider the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Kindly enter the following Amendment and consider the following Remarks.